(b) if so, the effective steps proposed to be taken to make the ban a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the provisions of "The Delhi Prohibition of Smoking and Non-smokers Health Protection Act, 1996" are implemented by the Government by constituting enforcement squads, which periodically make surprise inspections and challan the offenders.

Child mortality

† 1223. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decline in child mortality rate in the country has stopped;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the target fixed by Government for the current financial year; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No, Sir.The infant mortality rate has declined from, 80 per thousand live births in 1991 to 68 per thousand live births in 2000. The infant mortality rate for the last few years is given in the Statement *(See* below). The child mortality (0-4) years have also declined. As per the Sample Registration System the child mortality (0-4) years was 23.9, 23.1 and 22.5 per thousand in the years 1996,1997 and 1998 respectively.

The National Population Policy-2000 aims to reduce the infant mortality rate to below 30 per thousand by 2010. As per the Approach Paper to the 10th Five Year Plan the goals of reduction of infant mortality rate by 2007 and 2012 are 45 and 28 respectively. Annual targets for reduction of infant mortality rate are not fixed.

Steps are being taken by the Government to further reduce the IMR. Under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi. –

immunisation, facilities for prevention of deaths due to acute respiratory infections and dehydration due to diarrhoea and essential newborn care are being provided. Towards improving the nutritional status of infants and children, promotion of exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding practices is beign undertaken. Programme for prophylaxis against Vitamin 'A' deficiency and iron deficiency anaemia are under implementation. To improve outreach of these services serveral schemes including organisation of RCH Camps, RCH Outreach Scheme, Dai Training Programme are under implementation.

Statement

Infant Mortality Rate durign 1991—2000

Year	Infant Mortality Rate
1991	80
1992	79
1993	74
1994	74
1995	74
1996	72
1997	71
1998	72
1999	70
2000	68

Source. Sample Registration System

Child Mortality Rate

1224. SHRIJIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Child mortality rate worrisome, says Advani," which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 12th April, 2002;